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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Franklin Okumu))
Serial No. 09/839,684) Examiner Jeffrey E. Russel
Filing Date: April 19, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 1654
For Sustained Release Formulations)

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

M.S. - Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004 for a period of three months.

Please charge the \$1,020.00 fee to our American Express card. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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